

St Benet's Discovery Day - Sat 6th April 2019
Ludham Village Hall NR29 5PB

Free Tickets available via Eventbrite or from Tidings of Horning, Throwers of Ludham or White House Stores Neatishead.

Doors open 9.15. Tea and coffee available

Start 9.45. Finish 16.30

Free car parking at the venue.

The programme includes an optional afternoon visit to St Benet's Abbey. Bring a packed lunch if you intend to come and bring suitable clothing and footwear. There are no facilities at the Abbey which is a remote waterside site with little shelter and uneven ground in places.

Speakers:

Stewart Alexander

Stewart Alexander is a Heritage Interpreter, Trainer and Storyteller with over 30 years' involvement with environmental and cultural projects and he now has an interpretation consultancy, Storyline Designs. He provides regular training services to English Heritage, The National Trust, the RSPB, The Norfolk Archaeological Trust and heritage organisations across the UK.

Julian Luxford

Julian Luxford is Professor of Art History at the University of St Andrews. His academic research is primarily concerned with architecture, art and ideas in England during the later Middle Ages. He has a particular interest in the monastic orders. The intellectual and social aspects of medieval objects - their symbolism, functions and contexts - lie at the heart of his work.

Alison Yardy

Alison Yardy is the Historic Environment Officer with Norfolk County Council where she has worked on a number of mill and heritage projects since 2002. She has researched and written about local mills and has focused on the Broadland Drainage Mills. She has a particular interest in the St Benet's site, having grown up in Ludham.

Tom Williamson

Tom Williamson is Professor of Landscape History at the University of East Anglia. He has written extensively on landscape archaeology, environmental history, and the history of landscape design: his books include *The Norfolk Broads: a landscape history*, published in 1997.

Nicola Hems

Nicola Hems is the Curator at the Museum of the Broads at Stalham. Together with 80 volunteers, she aims to bring the story of the Broads alive for over 8,000 visitors p.a

Programme

09.45 Welcome by Trish Fitzmaurice
Introduction by Stewart Alexander of Storyline Designs

10.00 **Julian Luxford**

The architecture of St Benet's Abbey from foundation to dissolution

10.45 **Alison Yardy**

The St Benet's Windmill and 18th-19th Century Life at the Abbey site

11.30 Break – Coffee and tea

11.45 **Tom Williamson**

St Benet's Abbey: The wider landscape context

12.30 **Nicola Hems**

St Benet's – A Place of Pilgrimage and Picnics

13.15 Summing up by Stewart Alexander

Break – Lunch

Afternoon visit to St Benet's Abbey: Options for travel

- Led walk from Ludham Village Hall – 45 mins approx.
- Walk from Ludham Bridge – 35 mins approx
Park in layby and use permissive path (fingerpost sign) opposite public WCs
- Drive to the site – Limited parking available. Please consider car-sharing.

14.15 Assemble near gatehouse at St Benet's Abbey
for a short tour accompanied by the speakers

15.15 Travel back to Ludham Village Hall

16.00 Hot drink at the hall

16.30 Finish

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